

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and members of the Finance committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 215, Massage Therapy - Definition and Discipline**. I will now ask that my witness panel come join me.

The purpose of this bill is to alter the definition of "practice massage therapy" for purposes of the Maryland Massage Therapy Act to include the professional practice of massage therapy without compensation, and alter the grounds for disciplining massage therapists and procedures related to the discipline of massage therapists, including appeals procedures and reinstatement procedures.

(Closing)

Thank you to Chair Griffith and Vice Chair Klausmeier for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 215, Massage Therapy - Definition and Discipline and ask for your favorable report.**